

Seattle City Light Strategic Plan—Priority Areas, Proposed Objectives and Outcomes

Customers/Ratepayers <i>"Serving our customers well is at the center of our vision"</i>	
<i>Proposed Objective</i>	<i>Proposed Outcomes</i>
Provide greater rate predictability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates should avoid price shocks • Rates and budgets should reflect a steady approach over time to funding goals in the strategic plan • Increase opportunity for public input in the rate setting process •
Balance multiple policy goals in rate design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates should be structured to balance several policy goals including: affordability; ensuring necessary cost recovery; promoting a positive business climate; promoting efficient energy use; and providing rate relief to low income residents
Anticipate and exceed customer service expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve ability of customers to access and manage their accounts online • Upgrade billing system to enable use of more flexible rate models (e.g., time-of-use rates, customers selecting date of their periodic bills, etc.) • Resolve customer issues in one call
Promote environmental stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain greenhouse gas neutrality • Promote efficient use of energy • Address environmental impacts and reduce environmental consequences of utility operations
Workforce <i>"City Light's ability to attract and retain a high performance workforce is key to our continued success and ability to meet our customer's needs and future challenges."</i>	
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Ensure a safe work environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease workforce injury rates to be below national averages for large utilities
Attract, train, and retain a high performance workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Seattle City Light's ability to attract qualified candidates with electric utility expertise • Ensure that the utility has the ability to effectively manage the risk of loss of institutional knowledge due to the significant number of upcoming retirements • Ensure that work rules and processes maximize employee efficiency and productivity • Ensure SCL leadership has the tools to effectively manage the labor management partnership • Improve workforce productivity and skills by investing in employee development and technical training

Assets

“With billions in publicly-owned assets and infrastructure, it is vital that we maintain our generation, transmission, distribution and other systems—and operate these assets in a most efficient manner.”

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Provide reliable, safe, cost-effective electric service to our customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase preventative maintenance programs in transmission and distribution systems to reduce costs over time and improve reliability • Replace outdated power dispatch operating systems in order to better manage energy flow across the system, increase reliability and reduce power losses. • Support current and future customer needs by addressing growth in demand & reliability issues in key locations
Maintain a stable, cost effective, environmentally responsible power supply portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make improvements to aging dam turbines and equipment to maximize power production capacity and reliability. • Maintain leadership in acquisition of cost-effective conservation • Ensure upcoming major regional investments in the Northwest transmission system are managed to avoid power delivery bottlenecks and equitably allocate costs between City Light and other electric utilities in the region
Incorporate technology to meet future customer needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually assess customer needs and ensure appropriate, cost effective technologies are in place when needed

Municipal Enterprise Excellence

“There are benefits in being publicly owned, and accompanying challenges in oversight and business practices.”

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Improve communication about, and support for, SCL’s strategic priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve ability to plan and implement long-term strategies • Improve SCL’s ability to manage its operations, systems and personnel to best meet the unique needs of the utility and our customers
Implement best practices in business processes and technology across the utility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide tools to help employees perform their jobs efficiently and effectively • Identify and eliminate waste and inefficiency • Promote use of performance metrics throughout the organization. • Reaffirm support for a culture of continuous improvement • Improve procurement processes to reduce costs and increase operating efficiency and service levels
Ensure fiscal strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain sound fiscal policies to reduce cost of borrowing. • Keep rates a responsible levels to support needs of utility and ratepayers • Enhance ability to meet utility’s long-term investment needs